

DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

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**MEDIA INFORMATION****SHOULDER TAP OPERATION CONDUCTED**

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Solano County Sheriff's Office

The Solano County Sheriff's Office COPPS (Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving) unit recently took part in a multi agency "shoulder tap" operation throughout the city of Dixon and the surrounding unincorporated areas of Solano County.

This event took place on Thursday, March 29, 2007 between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. The operation was conducted in partnership with the state Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Dixon Police Department. Decoys were placed in multiple locations throughout the Dixon area in an attempt to purchase alcohol illegally by making contact outside of businesses through a third party. This operation resulted in five citations being issued for furnishing alcohol to minors and two arrests for other violations.

Operations such as the *Minor Decoy* and *Shoulder Tap Program* have been made possible exclusively by a \$48,000 grant, awarded from the state Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. This grant money is earmarked to assist law enforcement in curtailing underage drinking, prohibiting the sale of alcohol to minors and drunken driving accidents. This systematic proactive approach to curtailing under age drinking and alcohol related crimes is just one of the many operations conducted by the Sheriff's COPPS unit.

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